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Sunday, the U. S. House of Representatives voted 219 to 212 to pass a historic bill reforming health care in America. Thirty-four Democrats joined Republicans in opposing the bill.

Two votes remain Sunday evening: One on a reconciliation bill that modifies the Senate bill, and another on a GOP proposal to alter the reconciliation bill.

While official vote tallies aren't yet in, Minnesota's delegates indicated their votes in advance of the vote: Democratic Reps. Keith Ellison, Betty McCollum, James Oberstar and Tim Walz voted in favor, while Republican Reps. Michele Bachmann, John Kline and Erik Paulsen were joined by Democrat Collin Peterson in voting against. Having passed both houses of Congress, the bill now goes to President Obama.

Update: The final vote tally shows all state Democrats voting in favor of the bill, except for Rep. Collin Peterson, who joined all state Republicans in opposing health care reform.

Oberstar was undecided on his vote until recent days, but on Saturday he indicated he'd be supporting the reforms.